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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GEISEL'S PROPOSAL TO RAISE AGE OF
DIPLOMATIC RETIREMENT PROVOKES FOREIGN MINISTRY DEBATE

1. IN AN EFFORT TO CURB GROWING PUBLIC DISSENSION WITHIN
FOREIGN MINISTRY CAUSED BY AN AUGUST 9 PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT
GEISEL TO CONGRESS TO RAISE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR
BRAZIL'S SENIOR CAREER DIPLOMATS FROM 65 TO 70 YEARS,
MINISTRY'S SECRETARY GENERAL DARIO CASTRO ALVES ORDERED ON
AUGUST 15 THAT CRITICISM OF THE PROPOSAL WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY
CEASE IMMEDIATELY. ACTING ON BEHALF OF ALLEGEDLY IRATE
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA, CASTRO ALVES REPORTEDLY TOLD THE
FIFTEEN MINISTRY DEPARTMENT CHIEFS TO PASS THE WORD TO THEIR SUB-
ORDINATES THAT SUCH CRITICISM WOULD BE CONSIDERED "NOT AGAINST
THE MINISTRY, BUT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF."

2. GEISEL'S PROPOSAL WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE THE EFFECT OF
RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF PROMOTIONS OF JUNIOR AND MIDDLE-
GRADE DIPLOMATS BECAUSE OF WHAT JORNAL DO BRASIL
(AUGUST 17) TERMED "SCLEROSIS OF THE LEADERSHIP."
AMONG THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROPOSAL
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WOULD BE SILVEIRA AND GOB AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
PINHEIRO, BOTH OF WHOM ARE APPROACHING AGE 65.
CASTRO ALVES' EFFORT TO MUZZLE BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS
WHICH IS BECOMING KNOWN AS "PROJECT SILVEIRA" HAS
REPORTEDLY EXACERBATED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DEBATE,
WITH DISGRUNTLED DIPLOMATS ARE ALLEGEDLY CALLING THE
ACTION "UNSOLICITED, DICTATORIAL, AND DISRESPECTFUL,"

ESPECIALLY WHILE THE COUNTRY IS UNDERGOING A PROCESS
OF REDEMOCRATIZATION. INSTITUTO RIO BRANCO (SCHOOL FOR
BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS) DIRECTOR, MINISTER BATH, COMMENTED TO THE
AMBASSADOR THAT CONTINUING EXPANSION OF BRAZIL'S FOREIGN SERVICE
SHOULD NEGATE ANY TENDENCY FOR THIS CHANGE TO IMPEDE PROMOTIONS.
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